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In re the Application of:

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on October 25, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.